After the Kaluchak massacre, Chinese Foreign Office Spokesman stated that "the position of the Chinese Government is very clear. We wish to express our strong condemnation and our sympathies to the families of the injured people".

Inhuman treatment to Indian High Commission's employees in Pakistan

†199. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of incidents relating to inhuman treatment meted out to the employees of the Indian High Commission in Pakistan by the ISI of Pakistan is continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the year 2002 which have come to Government's notice;

(c) whether Government have taken these incidents seriously; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) The incidents of harassment/ intimidation of the employees of Indian High Commission in Pakistan at the hands of various agencies of Pakistan continue. In the year 2002, 13 cases of harassment/intimidation including of physical & mental torture have been reported.

(c) and (d) The Government views all such incidents seriously and condemns them. It also protests to the Government of Pakistan reminding latter of its obligations towards the safety and security of the employees of the Indian High Commission under the Vienna Convention and bilateral Code of Conduct. Government is committed to safety & security of its personnel in all the Missions abroad.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.